

GREAT LAKES LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Michigan State Waterways Commissioners:

Thank you for listening to my appeal of 1) assuring a mooring space in a DNR marina nearby an off-shore historic lighthouse and 2) minimizing the cost of this mooring space as an ongoing "grant" to the restoration work, at your February 24th meeting in Detroit.

It was asked by a commissioner to list the lighthouses I was referring to with a nearby marina. Sadly allow me to say that the practicality of saving all of our off-shore lighthouses is not realistic because of seasonal and location difficulties. Additionally some of the off-shore lighthouses are privately owned thus do not come under the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act 2000 for transfer.

In an effort to prioritize this effort I have capitalized and bold typed the off-shore lights that are currently being maintained by nonprofit stewards. Those in regular type have yet to be transferred to new nonprofit stewards.

Lake Superior

GULL ROCK HURON ISLAND MANITOU ISLAND

Stannard Rock

COPPER HARBOR BARAGA COPPER HARBOR Marquette

Lake Michigan

ST. HELENA

Waugoshance White Shoal Grav's Reef Ile Aux Galets North Manitou Shoal Minneapolis Shoal Lansing Shoal

MACKINAW CITY

Mackinaw City Mackinaw City Harbor Springs Harbor Springs Leland Escanaba Naubinway

Lake Huron

DETOUR REEF LIGHT

Martin Reef Light
Round Island Passage
Spectacle Reef
Fourteen Foot
Poe Reef
THUNDER BAY
PORT AUSTIN

HARBOR BEACH

DETOUR VILLAGE

Hessel/Clark
St. Ignace
Cheboygan
Cheboygan
Cheboygan
ALPENA
PORT AUSTIN
HARBOR BEACH

Lake Erie

ST. CLAIR FLATS RANGE LIGHTS ? Detroit River ?

Thank you for this opportunity to present this incentive plan for the benefit of restoring/preserving our historic off-shore lighthouses. Structures that were very vital to the development of our mid America's Great Lakes region. These are maritime historical monuments that can be preserved with your help.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Moehl

President